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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM UNA

FOLLOWING REPEAT MOGADISCIO 1987 ACTION SECSTATE 23 NOV 77

QUOTE

S E C R E T MOGADISCIO 1987

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, PPDC, SO, US

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SIAD - NOVEMBER 22

REF: STATE 277991

1. SHORTLY AFTER MY RETURN EMBASSY INFORMED THE GSDR I SHOULD BE PREPARED SEE THE PRESIDENT AT HIS CONVENIENCE. SIAD ASKED ME TO COME IN ALONE ON TUESDAY EVENING NOV. 22.

2. I DELIVERED THE ORAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH SIAD ACCEPTED CHEERFULLY, ALTHOUGH HIS DISAPPOINTMENT WAS NOT FULLY CONCEALED.

3. THE SOMALI PRESIDENT THEN REQUESTED ME TO INFORM THE DEPT AND
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PRESIDENT CARTER OF HIS DESIRE TO SEND THE MINISTER FOR MINERALS AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, HUSSEIN ABDULKADIR KASSIM ON A GOOD WILL MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES. SIAD SAID HE HOPED IF THE IDEA WERE ACCEPTABLE TO THE US THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD RECEIVE THE MINISTER. THE DEPT WILL RECALL THAT HUSSEIN IS ONE OF THE MORE ARTICULATE YOUNGER MINISTERS WHOM SIAD HAS EMPLOYED FREQUENTLY ON HIGH-LEVEL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. HUSSEIN, FOR EXAMPLE, RECEIVED

CODEL PRICE AND MADE EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON MANY OF THE CONGRESSMEN.

4. I STRONGLY URGE THE DEPT TO ACCEDE TO SIAD'S REQUEST. HUSSEIN WOULD BE THE FIRST SOMALI MINISTER TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES OTHER THAN THE UN FOR SOME TIME. I BELIEVE HIS BRIEF WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE MESSAGE I CARRIED TO WASHINGTON, BUT DO NOT BELIEVE THE VISIT SHOULD BE DENIED ON THE GROUNDS OF REPETITION. I THINK IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO REJECT THIS OVERTURE IF WE INTND TO CONTINUE OUR DIALOGUE WITH SIAD. I ALSO BELIEVE HUSSEIN'S VISIT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO MAKE A MORE DETAILED STATEMENT OF OUR PLANS FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA. MOREOVER,IT WOULD PROVIDE SIAD AND SENIOR SOMALIS WITH A FIRST HAND IMPRESSION OF TH WASHINGTON SCENE THAT THEY HAVE ENJOYED ONLY THROUGH AMBASSADOR ADDOU FOR SOME TIME.

5. SEPTELS FOLLOW ON THE FULL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SIAD AND THE SIX HOUR HARANGUE BY SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE DURING MY RETURN FLIGHT FROM ROME.

6. DEPT MAY WISH PASS THIS MESSAGE TO USUN LOUGHAN.
UNQUOTE VANCE".

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